

FORM B – BUILDING

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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

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Town: Tewksbury

Place: (*neighborhood or village*)

Photograph



Address: 379 Pleasant Street

Historic Name: Marshall House

Uses: Present: Single Family Residential

Original: Single Family Residential

Date of Construction: 1728

Source: MACRIS Database

Style/Form: Colonial/ Italianate

Architect/Builder:

Exterior Material:

Foundation: Granite

Wall/Trim: Wood Clapboards

Roof: Asphalt Shingle

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:

Major Alterations (*with dates*):

Replacement Windows

Front Italianate portion of the house built (c1880)

Condition: Good

Moved: no | X | yes | | **Date** _____

Acreage: 7.37 Acres

Setting: Located in a formerly rural area developed in the second half of the 20th century as a suburban residential area.

Topographic or Assessor's Map



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___ Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

If checked, you must attach a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.

Use as much space as necessary to complete the following entries, allowing text to flow onto additional continuation sheets.

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.

The five by two bay dwelling at **379 Pleasant Street** is a two-and-a-half story dwelling. The rectangular dwelling rests on a granite foundation. An ell projects from the northeast corner of the house. Slightly altered by the modification to the entries the house retains the paired entry doors, the continuous gable end cornice trim, the ornate bracket supported entry hood, paired interior brick chimneys, and wide corner boards typical of its simple Italianate Style. The centrally located entrance doors feature narrow rectangular panes of glass. The centrally located entrance has no surround or flanking windows, but is located underneath a projecting hood supported by ornate brackets. The walls are clad in wood clapboards. The side gable roof is sheathed in asphalt shingles. Windows are 6/1 replacement sash windows.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

Discuss the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building, and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.

The house at **379 Pleasant Street** is locally believed to have been in the Marshall family since the early 18th century. An earlier Massachusetts inventory form indicates that the house was built c1728. However the main form of the building appears to have Italianate influences. Possibly portions of the house predate the late 19th century. An interior investigation of the house might help pinpoint an early 18th century construction date.

Thomas Marshall was a farmer in Billerica (now Tewksbury) in the early 1700s. Thomas (1706-1778) married his first wife Ruth in 1727. He married his second wife Mary Tarbell in 1743 and the following year they had a son Joel. The members of the Marshall family that occupied the house at 379 Pleasant Street in the 19th century are the descendants from Thomas and Joel Marshall.

Joel Marshall (1744-1829) married Ann Moors, his second wife, in 1772. Joel and Ann had 10 children. Their son Abel [Abiel] was born in 1794. Abel Marshall married Abigail Farmer in 1821 and had four sons. Abel's family and his son George Rugg Marshall's family occupied the farm at 379 Pleasant Street for most of the 19th century. The large house accommodated both families. Abel Marshall died in 1885. In 1890 George R Marshall owned the house, barn, 201 acres, three horses, 17 cows, a bull, and a pig.

George R Marshall and his wife Abby had a son George Eddy Marshall in 1855. The Marshalls were both farmers. George E Marshall's children inherited the farm. George A Marshall and his sister Marietta [Etta] deeded the farm to their brother James and his wife Ella in 1933. In 1948 the 15½ acre farm included the house, a garage, greenhouse, and henhouses. The owner in 2009 is Ella Marshall.

The main Italianate portion of the house was likely built c1880 when George E Marshall married and three generations of the Marshall family were living in the house.

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